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PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES

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1. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT DRAFT RESOLUTION IS HIGHLY OBJECTIONABLE. THE US VOTED LAST YEAR AGAINST RESOLUTION 3175 (XXVIII) ON SAME SUBJECT, OF WHICH CURRENT DRAFT IS AN ELABORATION. THIS DRAFT GOES CONSIDERABLY BEYOND AND ADDS FURTHER ELEMENTS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO US. FOR EXAMPLE, DRAFT REFERS SPECIFICALLY IN OP PARAS 3 AND 5 TO "ISRAELI AGGRESSION".

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2. ALTHOUGH REFERENCE TO DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION

ON NIEO, I.E. "BEARING IN MIND PERTINENT PROVISIONS", HAS BEEN ACCEPTABLE FORMULATION IN OTHER RESOLUTIONS, IT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED IN THIS CONTEXT. IT OBVIOUSLY REFERS TO SUB-PARA 4(F) OF DECLARATION ON RESTITUTION AND FULL COMPENSATION FOR FOREIGN OCCUPATION, ALIEN AND COLONIAL DOMINATION, ETC., TO WHICH US REGISTERED ITS DISAGREEMENT AT THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION.

3. THUS IT APPEARS THERE IS NO POSSIBILITY THAT THE US COULD VOTE FOR OR EVEN ABSTAIN ON THIS RESOLUTION. WE

BELIEVE THAT PRESENTING THIS RESOLUTION IS LIKELY TO HINDER THE EFFORT TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS CAN BE CONDUCTED SUCCESSFULLY.

4. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD HOPE THAT EGYPT MIGHT SEE FIT TO WITHDRAW THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AS THEY DID WITH ONE ON THE SAME SUBJECT AT 57TH ECOSOC TO AVOID A NEGATIVE VOTE OF US AND OTHERS, WE ARE NOT SANGUINE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THIS. THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS NOT AS FAVORABLE AND THE ARGUMENTATION USED IN ECOSOC IS NOT SO COMPELLING (I.E., THE GA HAD PASSED RESOLUTION 3175 IN 28TH SESSION SO THERE WAS LITTLE POINT IN A SUB-SIDIARY BODY REAFFIRMING IT). THEREFORE IN VIEW OF POOR PROSPECTS FOR ACHIEVING ACCEPTABLE TEXT OR WITHDRAWAL AND SENSITIVE ROLE OF US IN THE MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS, USDEL SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN APPROACHING EGYPTIAN DELEGATION IN THIS REGARD. MAW

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